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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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WOMEN'S CONVENTIONS TO RICHMOND

Annually the women of the Church Of God In Christ meet to provide testimony to the world about their role as witnesses for Christ. Their witness is projected through the Women's International Convention. In 1951, the women of the Church were being led by Dr. Lillian Brooks Coffey and our founder Bishop C.H. Mason allowed for the establishment of a convention for women. The ladies have found the convention to be a source of fellowship, witness and worship on a grand scale. The very first convention was conducted in Los Angeles, California. Bishop S.M. Crouch and Mother L.O. Hale were the hosts. The convention has yearly grown larger in size and scope; surely it has expanded well beyond the dreams of its founding supervisor, Mother Coffey.

The ladies are ever faithful to the purpose for which the convention was initiated and that of course is world evangelism. The convention's aim is to promote "Better Home, Better Schools, Better Communities and a Better World." In 1951, one hundred delegates attended that first convention and now that number has grown well into the thousands. Most of the convention delegates are official card carrying (Red Card) delegates. The current supervisor of women, Mother Mattie McGlothen, has proven to be an administrative innovator and has developed a fine team of workers who should be commended for making the women's convention, the best. In fact,



MOTHER MATTIE McGLOTHEN

the Church Of God In Christ women host the largest women's convention barring no denomination in America.

The Richmond, Virginia area will receive the benefit of having thousands of saints there for one week. Last year the convention was conducted in Cincinnati, Ohio and the ladies

blessed the entire community. The Red Card has much to do with that success. The card is a convention tradition which affords the saints special and most convenient service from hotels, restaurants and tour agencies. Certainly, the committee has made available the best of meals, accommodations and benefits. Last year's convention in Cincinnati established an attendance record for the ladies.

There are three host jurisdictions this year. All three are from the state of Virginia and the local saints are eagerly awaiting the delegates. Bishop Ted Thomas and Mother Thelma Vaughn of Virginia, First Jurisdiction; Bishop Samuel Green and Mother Mary Featherston of Virginia, Second Jurisdiction and Bishop Bishop Levi E. Willis and Mother Fannie Mann of Virginia, Third Jurisdiction are the official co-host of the convention. Supporting jurisdictions are North Carolina, Second, where Bishop Joseph H. Sherman and Mother Eva Bennett and the Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction where Bishop Warren G. Crudup and Mother Elizabeth Hampton together are laboring to provide the needed extra. All of the jurisdictions are working hard to assure only the best hospitality be accorded the delegates.

The convention housing staff headed by Mother Freddie Bell, located in Memphis is working to secure more housing for the delegates.

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THE WHOLE TRUTH HONORS AGENTS MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The Whole Truth is pleased to award two very faithful agents with the Meritorious Service Award. Mother Rosa Lee Graham and Mother Beatrice McGee are recipients of the highest award given by the newspaper. At times, different agents are honored for their stewardship for sales and distribution of the paper. But the Meritorious Service Award is for the very special agents.

The Meritorious Service Award is given to individuals who have given years of devoted service to the sale of The Whole Truth. Both agents combined have approximately 100 years of service with the paper. Monthly, each distributes her papers and reports the sales receipts to the National office in Memphis.

Mother Graham lives in Little Rock, Arkansas and her bishop is Bishop L.T. Walker. Mother is also the State Supervisor of Women for First Jurisdiction of Arkansas. Mother Beatrice McGee lives in Buffalo, New York and is a noted worker in the Mission Department. She is busy in the local and jurisdictional work as well. Her bishop is the honorable Bishop Charles H. McCoy, prelate of Western New York #2.

The following is a brief biographic sketch of both of these fine ladies.

MOTHER ROSA LEE GRAHAM

Rosa Lee Graham was saved in 1921 and has been dynamic and committed since. She will express her love and desire to get the news out to anyone who ask to know what is going on in the Church Of God In Christ. Likewise, she can witness the newspaper has been a blessing to her even before she was saved. She was bitten by a mad dog as a young woman and suffered much



Mother Rosa Lee Graham



Mother Beatrice McGee

pain and even disability. Her leg was infected and became virtually useless, in fact she had to drag it behind her. The doctors could do very little to relieve the illness, and of course a young and vital person would feel hopeless living with such a circumstance. She was visited by a praying saint one day, Mother Strong, by name. Mother Strong brought along a copy of her newspaper. Mother Graham took The Whole Truth paper and went on a brief visit. Upon arrival she propped her bad leg on the table and covered it with the newspaper. She sat nearly all day with the paper upon her leg. When it was time to leave she removed the paper. When she removed the paper a miracle had happened. A scab had formed over the infected area and she stood on the leg pain free. In her words, "I've been walking every since, Praise God!"

Mother Graham has given sixty nine years of service to the Church and has held various

positions. Among the positions has been State Sunday School Secretary, District Missionary, State Cook, State Usher Board President, State Chairman of District Missionary Board, State Assistant Mother, State Supervisor of Women and others.

MOTHER BEATRICE McGEE

Mother Beatrice McGee is a native of Lake Village, Arkansas and was saved at age 13. In 1927 she married Elder Cephas McGee and they shared six children in their long and sweet union. She began to sell The Whole Truth in 1938. The editor was Sister Sparks and her first order was a dozen papers. Currently, Mother McGee sells three dozen papers monthly.

Her entire adult life has been active and vital with the ministry of her husband and Church. She received an award this past November 1990 from the Mission Department because of her devoted work. She started with that department in 1949, after Mother Maydie Payton appointed her State President of the Home and Foreign Mission Department of Western New York. Her record supports her acclaim as an ardent and valued worker. Mother enjoys singing the old songs of Zion. She teaches them to the youth because she feels that keeping the old ways of holiness is essential for the future of the Church Of God In Christ. It is with that same Godly dedication she goes forth each month and sells the newspaper.

People over the country laud her for her devotion and love for the needy and homeless. Mother is a saint of God and an example of Christian Womanhood.



THE WHOLE TRUTH



EDITORIAL

Subjects For Your Critical Eye!



Dr. David Hall

In this edition of the newspaper I have printed a number of articles one might consider interesting, thought provoking, amusing or even controversial to some degree. The Whole Truth is a paper that allows information of a varied nature to reach its readership; information that should increase the readers

awareness, spark conversation and possibly move some of you to a valid response. Naturally, information in this paper is never presented to insult or demean the reader, but it is necessary to express minority opinions or less understood issues of importance. Nevertheless, as editor, I select periodically from the most interesting of materials that come across my desk and gladly share them

with you. Such are the letters on the "Editor's Page."

Please read the comments and drop me a line about any of the reflections you read on that page. Your point of view merits attention and others will enjoy reading your comments. I will give an eye and possibly print your reflections. Of course being pro or con has little importance about the items on that page. These are good, honest reflections and so should your thoughts be, likewise! The only criteria for printing your response will be that it must glorify Christ and the efforts of His Church. I'm certain with that in mind, your response will be thoughtful and hopefully prayerfully done. Christ came to heal and save. Even when it proved rough going he never used a mean spirit to accomplish anything.

Again, allow me to encourage you to read The Whole Truth because it is the official news organ of the Church Of God In Christ. The past March edition carried the Vision of Presiding Bishop Ford. His vision is special and needs the support of the faithful. Anyone endeavoring to support his efforts as a result of reading that edition is welcome to write and say so.

HAPPY 104TH BIRTHDAY TO MOTHER MARY JANE HOPKINS!



Mother Mary Jane Hopkins

Mother Mary Jane Hopkins was born March 7, 1887, in Fayetteville, Texas, one of eleven children born to Sarah and Andrew Patterson. (Mr. Patterson lived to be the golden age of 116 years old, having departed this life just 25 years ago.)

At the age of 15, she accepted Christ in the Baptist Church, and later saw a need to go higher. She accepted the gospel as preached in the Church Of God, Waco, Texas, and became a member. She heard a voice "Let's Go Higher," saw a light and received the full baptism of the Holy Ghost, becoming a member of the Church Of God In Christ. On March 28, 1912, she married Pike Hopkins, who was then a member of the police force. They later moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma and then to Detroit, where Mr. Hopkins joined the Detroit Police Department. There he served until his death in 1939.

Mother Hopkins was instrumental in helping to establish churches in Texas and Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was a great asset to some of the early pioneers including the late Mother Nancy Gamble and Mother Mary Johnson. She labored hard under the late Elder Kissentiner, and became the first lady of the Charity Band in Michigan.

She served as District Missionary, Prayer and

Bible Band President, Supervisor of Women's Department of Canada for two years under the late Bishop C.L. Morton, Sr. She was chairperson of the Examination Board of Northeast Michigan for 25 years, a member of the State and National Stewardess Board, a member of the State and National Evangelist Board and State Steering Committee. Prior to her appointment as State Women's Supervisor of Northeastern Michigan, she served as assistant to the late Mother Capitola Tomlinson.

One of her goals is to establish a home for the aged. One of her favorite scriptures is the 23rd Psalm. Her favorite pastime is to pray and teach. For leisure and relaxation she likes to fish. Her popular saying is "Amen, Mother Hopkins!"

Mother Mary Jane Hopkins is a woman of many talents and has had the opportunity to share those talents with others and help serve others through her work in the Church.

On March 7th, 1991, Mother Hopkins was blessed to celebrate her 104th birthday. She had a sound mind and is active in her role as State Women's Supervisor and says she has an "old body, but a new motor!" In harmony with that statement, Mother Hopkins travels frequently by car or airplane to the different conventions, meetings and engagements.

**GOD BLESS
MOTHER MARY JANE HOPKINS
IN CELEBRATION OF HER
104TH BIRTHDAY!!!**

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THE PRESIDING BISHOP SPEAKS

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

I Thessalonians 5:23 & 24

Holy greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This past edition of The Whole Truth was sent to every listed minister, elder, missionary, pastor, supervisor and bishop of the Church Of God In Christ. Hopefully, many of you will subscribe now since we use the paper as a major source of communication.

God has spoken and let it be known that there must be a stirring among the saints everywhere.

The Whole Truth is available to the entire membership of the Church of God in Christ throughout the world. You are an important part of the Church Of God In Christ family and The Whole Truth is also a part of that Family. The newspaper is an important source of information, inspiration and education.

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I also encourage you to send The Whole Truth news about your ministry. Share news about your new construction, remodeling, dedications and news of great healings and miracles.

Let the world know what God is doing for the Church Of God In Christ and your ministry.

Your chief servant,
Bishop L.H. Ford

VICTIM OF MUSIC AND MIKE

Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song: Play skillfully with a loud noise. Psalm 33:2-3

How loud is loud? We, the saints are truly musically inclined, and music certainly stimulates emotions: Whether singing, praying, preaching or playing. And many times become over tones, and when it is too loud it becomes an ear barrier to the hearers. And many times that becomes strainous and damaging to the listeners in that the hearers have to endure rather than to enjoy. We should sing in the spirit and sing with an understanding also. All listeners should be able to understand the singing, praying, testimonies and preaching: It is natural that elderly people lose their hearing: But not every one lose it for the same reason. But some are being forced into deafness by having to endure music and mike, both of which are too loud! There are certain jobs that call for the workers to wear plugs to protect the inner ear. It is so hard to hurt and rejoice at the same time. Jesus said, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit say to the churches." We are very emotional, but not very noticeable. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things: Loud music and mike cannot be one of the good things when people cannot understand what the preacher is saying, or what the songs are all about.

I love this grand old Church Of God In Christ; for forty (40) years it has been my holy home: and many more are just like me. Please adjust your music and mike to an enjoyable tone. With love to all and malice to none.

Sincerely yours,

Mother Reather Ann Bettis Carter
Bay Minette, Alabama

THE WHOLE TRUTH

C.H. MASON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CELEBRATES 21ST ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY

Elder Oliver J. Haney, Jr., dean of the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary and the student body celebrated the 21st Annual Founders Day and Banquet. The annual banquet is a gala affair conducted yearly to benefit the school. This year it was held February 28, 1991, and the guests in attendance enjoyed general board member, Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush who presented a message on prayer. The very scholarly and astute group received his exhortations and allowed the spirit to have free course. Special musical guest was Sister Bettye R. Nelson.

Guests from around the nation attended the affair and shared in a wide group of activities. Delegates from the Riley F. Williams Conference were allowed to take an active role in the Founders Day Program. They listened to scholarly and practical presentations in preaching and ministry. Bishop Riley F. Williams was one of our churches initial Sons of Thunder and the conference is named after and in honor of him. To maximize the impact of both events, they have traditionally been conducted simultaneously.

Presenters on various theological issues were offered by different personalities from around the country. The presenteres for that week were Dr. Benny Goodwin, Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, Dr. Thomas J. Pugh, Dr. Robert Franklin and



Pictured from left to right: Bishop George McKinny, Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush, Sister Bettye R. Nelson, Dr. Oliver J. Haney, Jr. and Dr. E. L. Battles.

Missionary A. Carolyn Warren. The preached word was given by Dr. Jonathan Greer and Bishop Louis H. Ford.

Mason Theological Seminary is a part of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia and is only accredited Black Pentecostal Seminary in America. Her graduates have distinguished themselves in professional and ministerial activities the world over. Dr. Haney believes the Church Of God In Christ is producing the needed intellectual and spiritually developed persons necessary for the coming century.

ASHWORTH HOME GOING



BISHOP CHESTER ARTHUR ASHWORTH went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 2, 1991 after a brief illness. He was a pastor, bishop, husband, father, grandfather, teacher, leader, mentor, shepherd and child of God. In his 93 years of living he often acknowledged that he was richly blessed. He was rich in love, rich in faith, rich in peace, rich in understanding, rich in wisdom, rich in joy and rich in the Holy Spirit. Bishop Ashworth leaves a legacy of love and devotion to his Church, his family and his community.

Bishop Ashworth was born in Merryville, Louisiana on September 7, 1897. He attended rural schools and later graduated from Lake Charles Methodist. He continued his education in Houston, Texas and later taught normal school there. He was known as an exacting and enthusiastic teacher. He later brought those attributes to his ministry.

In June of 1918, Bishop Ashworth allowed God to come into his life. Four years later he married his beloved Gertrude Brown Ashworth on July 22, 1922. She preceded him in death on February 17, 1989. During 66 years of holy matrimony, and during his 72 years in the ministry, he dedicated himself unselfishly to his Church, his children and his community. Once a proud professional Pullman porter, Bishop Ashworth sacrificed the financial security of his occupation to follow his calling into the ministry.

In 1924, following his decision to accept

fulltime employment in the Lord's service, Bishop Ashworth decided to venture out on an evangelism campaign with his comrade Elder Ellis Wheat. They travelled throughout Texas and Louisiana, often with little or no money, sleeping in the woods and preaching to an audience of birds. From this humble beginning, he became known as a faithful leader to many congregations throughout Louisiana. In June of 1925, he attended his first state Church Of God In Christ Holy Convocation in Hainesville, Louisiana where he was ordained. In 1929 he was appointed Pastor of the Looney Street Church Of God In Christ, his home church. By 1937, this congregation had grown to be one of the largest of the faith. Bishop Ashworth's success in saving souls and his demonstrated leadership ability were recognized by the national church organization.

In 1937, at the request of the late Bishop R.F. Williams, Bishop Ashworth was asked to serve as pastor of the Rhodes Avenue Church OF God In Christ, later known as Wooster Avenue Temple and presently renamed St. Ashworth's Temple in Akron, Ohio. Two years later, he was appointed Superintendent of the Akron District. Under his leadership, the Akron District became the leading state district. The national church again recognized his devotion and leadership ability and in 1939, the late presiding Bishop C.H. Mason appointed him National Statistician. He served in this national office for 32 years. He also edited the first yearbook for the National Church in 1951

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PC's GET RECOGNITION

We are soliciting nominations for the Most Outstanding Preacher's child. The contest will be held in four divisions:

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McGLOTHEN SILVER COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION PLANNED FOR RELEASE



The Dr. Mattie McGlothen Library/Museum is pleased to announce the issuance of a Mattie McGlothen Commemorative Silver Medallion. Dr. Mattie McGlothen is the fourth General Mother and International Supervisor of the Women's Department, Church Of God In Christ. The medallion is being issued to pay tribute this living legend of Christian and unselfish service. This superbly sculptured medallion commemorates the legacy of all the women who have labored incessantly in the Church. The coin will bear the likeness of Mother McGlothen and feature three cloven flames which represent the three previous supervisors, Mother Lizzie Robinson, Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey and Mother Annie L. Bailey.

Certainly, no one can doubt the merit and value of such a tribute. Over the years Mother has provided support and leadership in the General Church. She has served two presiding bishops and was of course a model pastor's wife, in the tradition of COGIC team ministry. In 1938, she built a home for missionaries in the Bahamas Islands; in 1984, a pavilion in Port au Prince, Haiti for senior citizens and unwed mothers; in 1985, a home in Memphis, Tennessee was purchased for senior citizens and remodeled in 1987 to house senior guests during the Holy Convocation. An adjacent quarters serves as Headquarters for the International Department of Women. In 1989, The Mattie McGlothen Library/Museum was built and dedicated in Richmond, California.

This original limited edition medallion is made of one troy ounce, carefully minted to a proof quality and is 1 1/2" in diameter and is .999 fine pure silver. The medallion is scheduled for release during the May, International Women's Convention. Hopefully, purchasers will order now and be a part of the unveiling festivities. A percentage of the proceeds from the purchase of each coin will go toward the Dr. Mattie McGlothen Library/Museum and the McGlothen House Ministries. These institutions have long served the National and International Church. Surely our dear Mother is worthy of tribute. Purchase this medallion and have something which will serve as a lasting monument and historical reference of a great woman in the Lord.



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THE EDITOR'S PAGE



LETTER FROM SAUDI ARABIA

A Message From the Gulf War - In Everything, Give Thanks

Colossians 3:1 says, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and ye be thankful."

We often find time to murmur and complain no matter how well our day is going. It seems as if we have no good days. It is now time that we look beyond ourselves and see God.

While serving our country here in Saudi Arabia there has been many bad days, confusion and chaos on every hand, trouble on every side. Sometimes I just did not know how things would go.

One day while lying in the sleeping area, I began to meditate upon the Lord and he laid upon my heart Colossians 3:15. The Lord let me know that through this time of trouble the peace of God still prevails in the life of those who are washed

in his blood, and for this cause we can and should be thankful. No matter what one may be going through, God is still good and worthy to be praised.

In the midst of the storm we should lift up our heads and be encouraged because God will always make a way.

In closing, we are reminded of David's testimony, "Yea though I walk through the valley and the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me."

Instead of complaining and murmuring, let's give God the glory for the things He has done.

Elder Rodney L. Antoine
Greater Shiloh COGIC

TO THE EDITOR:

1/28/91

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am writing in concern of the National Holy Ghost Conference. When the saints returned from Little Rock, they brought me back some great news, the convention was a blessing. But they also told us some sad news. They said that there may not be another National Holy Ghost Conference.

Please Bishop L.H. Ford, Bishop Ithiel Clemons, and the entire General Board Members if there is any way possible, don't stop the National Holy Ghost conference. We need it. There is POWER when we pray together.

When everyone from everywhere come together with one thing in mind, "Lord It's Me, DO IT AGAIN!!!" When we all pray together "Lord revive ME, Fix ME, Wash ME, Help ME, Save ME Some more, Fill ME Again, LORD DO IT AGAIN!!!" we will move God on the thrown.

When we pray together, our youth will become stirred, our churches will grow, backsliders will return, bodies will be healed, minds will be healed, the weak will become strong, the depressed will become happy, the bound will be set free, discouraged will become encouraged, and God himself will come and see about us.

Sis. Connie Russell
Williams Temple COGIC, Milwaukee, WI

THE EDITOR ANSWERS BACK

Sister Russell your letter indicates the feelings of many saints who have received much through their participation at the Holy Ghost Conference. It is truly one of the greatest spiritual activities of our Church to date. There is good reason to be concerned about the Holy Ghost Conference, but I suggest you be prayerful in this matter.

Our Presiding Bishop Ford has the whole scope and management of the Church under his charge. He indicated a possible change in the scheduling of the conference and suggested that maybe the jurisdictions could do a better job of taking the conference to a broader audience. Possibly a regional concept or something will be the design. Basically, all I am asking is that you and other concerned individuals wait and see what the leadership is going to do. Remember that suggestions are not official policy. Our Presiding Bishop Ford is desirous of providing quality seminar instruction for the entire Church and the Holy Ghost Conference is the best to date!

Keep your eye on The Whole Truth and possibly some definitive word will come down. Please understand whatever is done will be the will of the Lord. In Church Of God In Christ decisions are prayerfully made and faithfully observed by the saints.

CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL - YES OR NO?

By: Paula Hayes Clarke

The issue of contemporary Christian music is one which many artists and writers have given their opinions. The issue for a number of years has been whether contemporary music can contend in the Gospel music industry. It should be noted that although traditional music has been well received in the last twenty to thirty years, it too met with much opposition during its inceptions, due basically to its different rhythm. In the 1986 edition of Music, an Illustrated Encyclopedia, author Neil Ardley notes that Gospel songs are performed with tremendous fervor.

Many church goers were alarmed by the driving beat of the traditional music as trademarked by the founder of Traditional Gospel Music, Thomas A. Dorsey.

It is this writer's contention that contemporary Gospel Music can also become an accepted form of Gospel music if it meets the challenges of successful promotion and "meet the spiritual needs of today." Al Hobbs states in an interview conducted by The Gospel Music Connection Magazine, "...Gospel music has to have the evangelical thread. If there is no evangelism present I don't think you have the Gospel music."

While many Gospel artists feel this way and have opted to only sing that which is uplifting in the traditional sense, other artists who are categorically contemporary have felt the rejection of fans who could not accept their contemporaneity.

A random selection of pop music from the

public library would lead this writer to believe that many pop artist do want to include some form of spiritual message on their programs. Each of the albums selected had included at least one Gospel tune; Howard Hewett includes "Forever and Ever," Shirley Murdock sings "Instrument of Praise," El DeBarge does "Somebody Loves You" and most recently, Whitney Houston does a soulful rendition of "America" which showcases her gospel background. Regina Belle's "Make It Like It Was" is an invitation for prayer and was written by Gospel artist Carvin Winans.

The Gospel songwriter should continue to strive for excellence in his lyrics. Writings that will enhance the ministry, in this writer's opinion, is what is needed for today's society. We must remember that we are not only singing in our churches but the music goes out and reaches a hungry world. Songs that will uplift and bless the soul is what we as Christians can give to our non-Christian brothers and sisters who are searching. Why not give the gift of song?

Promised Productions, Inc. an Atlanta/Chicago based company is sponsoring a search for new Gospel songwriters. Although many share the desire to serve God and do His will through the medium of recorded music, the possibilities are sometimes limited.

The challenge has been made to show the world that songwriters have something of substance to say and it can be done in part through Gospel music. Unless the songwriter is given an

LETTER FROM THE BATTLE FRONT

Dear David:

God is truly in the blessing business. He is worthy of being praised. I received the tape with Elder Range's message on it. What a powerful Holy Ghost filled message. Thanks! The sermon was a very uplifting experience. Jamie sent The Whole Truth for November and January. The Whole Truth is our only way to keep in touch with the national church. You are doing a great job. Please continue to allow God to bless you.

Your editorials in both papers were very good. I do agree with what you said about our being conscientious objectors or non-combatants. One of the things you should explore is the idea of soldiers being saved after they have joined the Army. Usually these newly saved soldiers remain in the Army to minister to other soldiers. The church in Germany is a good example of this outreach.

Another factor I urge you to consider is that we lost more young people to highway accidents than were killed during the Viet Nam war. 60,551 soldiers were killed in Viet Nam. Even though to large percentage were black, this figure can not come close to the number of young black men and women we lose to the street everyday.

We must reclaim the streets! The Church, not just the Church Of God In Christ, has sought to be socially acceptable, not willing to sacrifice for the will of God. For some a successful pastorship is not, "how many souls were won to Christ," but "how much did they give me on my anniversary."

The Church must return to its roots. You have a very important task, in that your editorial reaches thousands, maybe millions. If we don't remember the lesson we learned from the Bible we will be destroyed. We must teach the beauty of Holiness.

I must apologize for my sermon. We really have a mission to accomplish for the Lord. With your help, your prayer, this mission will be accomplished. You are truly a person who has been anointed by God to do His will.

Please tell your family that I said "Hi."

United in Christ,
Carl

Chaplain Carl Young, Jr. is a Major on active duty in Saudi Arabia and friend.

THANKS

Dear Dr. Hall:

We want to say thank you to The Whole Truth for publishing available scholarship information for qualifying Church Of God In Christ students.

Our daughter, Pamela Garrett, a freshman in college, applied for the C.H. Mason Academic Scholarship in November 1990. She was awarded \$1,000.00, which will be a financial blessing in helping her complete this year. Thank god for those concerned leaders of our Church who have an insight to help our youth.

We especially thank our local pastor, Presiding Elder Nathaniel L. Screen and our Bishop of the Garden State Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Bishop Chandler D. Owens for writing recommendation letters.

We encourage other young people to stay in school, set goals, and seek out help available to them.

Yours in Christ,
Mr. & Mrs. G. Garrett

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GOOD SAMARITANS AWARDED AMERICAN AIRLINES TICKETS

By Dr. Art E. Glass

Matthew 25:43-44 - "I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?"

Recently we were honored to present two saintly women in our Jurisdiction, Delores Dickson Lakey "D," and Dorothy Johnson Taylor "D," four airline tickets (compliments of American Airlines through the efforts of Trio Travel and tours, Inc., of Inglewood, California) to fly any place in the continental United States serviced by American Airlines. The two D's are **DEVOTED DARLINGS**, have a combined record of thirty years demonstrating their unselfish, humanitarian deeds. They did not know each other prior to receiving the awards.

It was a coincidence that both recipients' first name begin with the letter "D" and we are blessed to have both of them in our Jurisdiction.

Delores Lakey "D" is a pastor's wife, mother, public school teacher, and a woman with an extremely busy schedule. But she still finds time to volunteer as a fundraiser in the endeavor to assist underprivileged students in vocational programs. She also conducts seminars on topics such as: "Self-esteem," "Parenting" and "Coping with the Teen Years."

Early on Sunday mornings she can be found at one of the penal institutions promulgating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She sings and plays music, and brings messages of deliverance to the incarcerated. Her creative poetry renditions are provoking and edifying to the minds of those behind prison bars. She is also a very dedicated member of her local church. She leaves the jail and continues her ministry with the church choir.

It's possible to give without love, but you can not love without giving. "D" loves God and loves giving. She demonstrates this attribute every day.

When and wherever she sees a need whereby she can serve, she will rise to the occasion. You don't need to plead, coddle and/or beg "D." She does it without thought of recognition or compensation. God gave her many talents and she uses them all to His glory. She fits the adage, "If you want something done, find a busy person to do it." "D" is busy, involved, and is loving every minute of it.

Dorothy Taylor "D" is a wife, mother and grandmother. She is employed outside of her home and still finds time to volunteer her services to the homeless on Skid Row. During the week, her time is spent gathering clothes and food. She and her team cook and prepare food for the needy.

Every Sunday morning she serves over 1,000 meals to the Skid Row inhabitants and she doesn't wait for the weather report. To "D," giving is the thermometer and barometer of love. In addition to serving their physical needs, she ministers to their spiritual needs with the Word of God.

She realizes that her footprints are followed more than her advise and she is leaving some well defined footprints. A few of the volunteers bring their children — some as young as eight years old. They too are discovering joy in the ministry of giving.

"D's" mother, Sarah Johnson, and a friend of her mother, Dorice Herinda, were instrumental in getting her involved in sharing her life with those who had little or nothing. "D" does a job that should require a small platoon, but she does it with her faithful band of 10 to 13 people. She proudly proclaims the little band as "my family." They begin their Sunday ministry with prayer. Dorothy Johnson Taylor is A Good Samaritan EXTRAORDINAIR!!

What the church, community, nation and world need are clones of these Ds' - DOER'S of God's Word. They are making an indisputable difference in the lives of the countless. Thank you D and D we love you so much, you are our sweethearts!



Left to right: Bishop Charles Blake, Dorothy Taylor, Deloris Lakey, Airline Representative Ernestine Day and Dr. Art E. Glass.

INSPIRATIONAL TALK "AND AIN'T THAT GOOD NEWS"

A few days ago, our nation was plunged into open warfare in the Persian Gulf. The code name was changed from "Desert Shield" to "Desert Storm." The news was devastating.

Our local news is extremely bad. Murder is escalating and out of control, heinous crimes on the rampage. The value of the dollar dropping, while the cost of living is on the increase. Too many people are homeless.

All bad news, but, in spite of the bad news, in the word of God, there is good news.

No matter how great the danger, no matter how sad the heart, and no matter if we are denied this world's goods, there is consolation in the name of Jesus. And ain't that good news?

Jesus came that we might be one with Him. He has power that out-ranks the power of the

President, for Jesus is king of kings and He's lord of lords. It's a power that out-ranks the power of Congress, for all power in heaven and earth is given into His hands.

It's a power that out-ranks death, for in Him, we have not only life, but life eternal. Now ain't that good news?

When the time had come for Jesus to quit this life on earth, he just stepped on a cloud and went on home to God. He came, He went, and He's coming again. He's coming in the clouds, with great glory, and every eye shall see Him.

Listen, it's good news, if your name, your name is written in the lamb's book of life, yes it is!

Evangelist Rosa L. Monroe
Bible Way COGIC, Cincinnati, Ohio

THE NORTHERN GEORGIA JURISDICTION

Northern Georgia, created in 1946, became an operative jurisdiction with the late Bishop R.F. Williams during the Worker's Meeting held in Dublin, Georgia during March of 1947.

In April of 1948, the late Bishop Charles Harrison Mason appointed the former Elder J. Howard Dell overseer of the jurisdiction. Bishop Mason regarded Elder Dell as a minister of high standards and a preacher who believed in holiness. During the early years of his administration there were persons of influence whose concept of overseer was different from his and who did not hesitate to express those differences at home and abroad. There were others who were in total agreement with him and expressed them, and give support unto this day.

Through the able and capable leadership of Bishop Dell, a senior bishop of the Church who is a praying man, a builder, a teacher, a preacher and a father for all, the work is growing in grace, status and favor with God and man. Two new congregations have been added within the last six months.

Bishop Dell has set an example of trustworthiness, moral and spiritual leadership for which we are Godly proud. There is unity, peace and fellowship in this leadership which consist of: the presiding prelate, his assistants, superintendents, supervisor, pastors and district missionaries.

As one who is extremely interested in education and welfare of our youth, Bishop Dell has given us the J. Howard Dell Scholarship Fund and a fund to assist struggling pastors build and establish new congregations. He has an outreach ministry to reach the un-churched and shut-ins, and is very active in community affairs.

The Annual Call Meeting held January 5th appears to be the greatest year in the history of the jurisdiction. Laboring beside the bishop in the outlook and upbuilding of this great work is the lovely and very talented first lady, affectionately known as the jurisdictional sweetheart, the mother, the sister, the friend who loves all. Mother Jean Lewis Dell - to know her is to love her.

Fortunately, for Northern Georgia the oldest Church Of God In Christ congregation in the state is the Kings Temple Church in Greenville, Georgia, where Elder Charles Williams is the pastor. This church was preached out and organized by the late Bishop Mack E. Jonas in the early years of the century. Greenville is a town where the mayor and chief of police are black. Thank God for the Jurisdiction of Northern Georgia.

Elder Oliver Smith, Reporter

BIRMINGHAM HOMECOMING ANNOUNCEMENT

In just a short while, May 31st and June 1st, 1991, we will be celebrating a HOMECOMING at Emanuel Temple Church Of God In Christ, (formerly called Smithfield). We are inviting everybody to be a part of this momentous occasion.

We are trying to locate everybody that was a part of the Church Of God In Christ from its earliest inception in Alabama.

Alabama is the proud state of many of our great leaders in this great Church. Make all plans to attend, you will regret it if you miss it, two (2) days of FELLOWSHIP, MEMORIES AND EXCITEMENT.

For any information, call or write:

Dorothy F. Smiley (Pie)
921 - 19th St. SW
Birmingham, AL 35211
205/925-1439

41st WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

May 21st — May 26th, 1991
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BISHOP WELCOMED BY SOUTH AFRICA'S COGIC

We then took to the road for the 360 KLM return to Kimberly South Africa. Our caravan arrived about 3:45 a.m., Sunday morning for a brief 4 hours sleep before our early 8:00 a.m. trip to the Kimberly Airport to make a 9:00 a.m. flight to Capetown South Africa. Sunday, 2:00 p.m., a crusade was being held at the Trans Net Civic Center in the Phillipi District of Capetown.

Capetown is a coastal city on a breathtaking range of mountains. The Lion Head mountain and the mountain range called the "Twelve Apostles" accent the dual coast of the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic coast on either sides, coming together to form the Arrowhead Point, called the "Cape of Good Hope" and Cape Points.

In this province, the church is challenged by the vast contrast between the luxurious and lavish living conditions of the whites and squaller of the blacks who live in the homeland townships just a mile or so outside these beautiful cities.

Which the vicious system of apartheid has separated the colored to still another section in between the whites and the blacks. Along the freeway from the airport to Capetown the government had erected a sort of marginal housing for the "colored," as a window dressing to hide the object poverty in which thousands of

blacks live in the shanty towns and tents of the crosstown section. These facades, of course were to deceive the arriving tourist and visitors to South Africa.

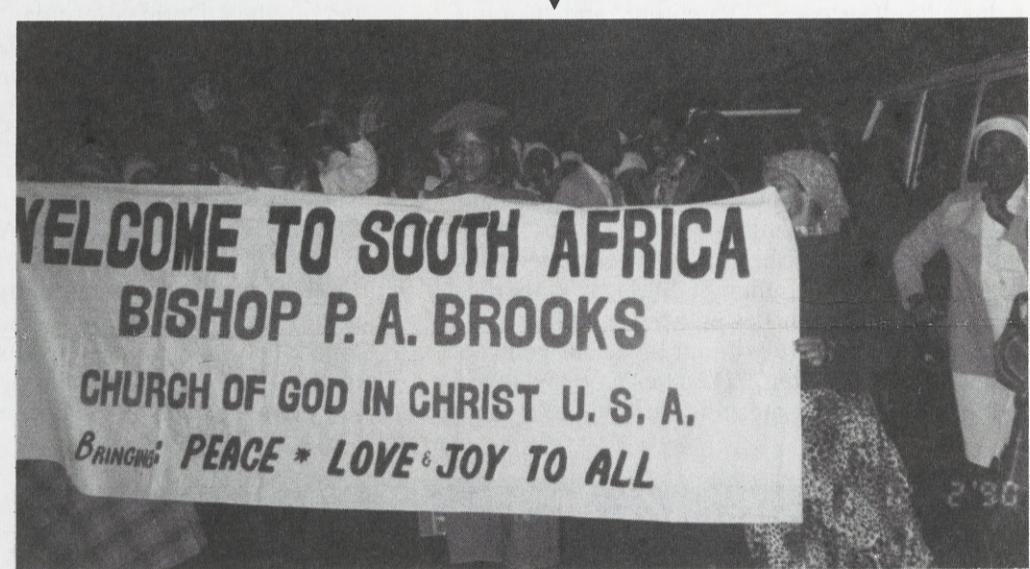
As I stopped along the way, I thought of God's purpose in allowing many of us whose ancestors were brought over from this continent, our Motherland of Africa. We must rethink our mission and realize we could have been taken to some other place and not known Jesus Christ, and thus not enjoy the prosperity we have here in the United States of America. This measure of blessing God gave us must not be wasted, but we must be assured that "we have come to the Kingdom" for such a time as this, to seize upon this moment to not only preach to souls here in America, but like the Jews who financed the rebuilding of Israel, after 1947, so we in COGIC as Afro-Americans must channel more of our resources through mission outreach ministries in South Africa and Haiti. We must bring the millions in these countries who were proselytized by the Moonies, the Muslims, the Hari Krsnar, the Bahaz and other religious cults the chance to serve, worship, and live for he true God that we also enjoy.

Bishop Brooks supports Bishop Moody in the task of Mission Outreach and commands our Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford for making the African and Haitian Missions a top priority on his agenda for our national Church. Contacts are being made to begin a television broadcast for the COGIC in South Africa - through Trinity TV in Transki and Ciskii.

Bishop Brooks has seized this opportunity to present to the world highlights of the black man's progress in these very strategic areas where the Church Of God In Christ will be front runner. Presently for South Africa, President DeKlek will be making many and various changes in the status of the blacks as it is related to apartheid. This too will help the efforts of the Church and especially the Church Of God In Christ. Let us pray for the saints of South Africa, and for the many churches which have come into our fellowship. Let us give thanks and gratitude for Bishop P.A. Brooks and our Chief Apostle Bishop L.H. Ford for venturing in the Mission field in the dark continent of Africa, where civilization first began and where saints since Bishop Mason's time have held to the true Pentecostal Holiness Doctrine.



► Pictured with Bishop Brooks are pastors of various Pentecostal churches who came to the services.



Saints sing joyfully as our van approaches at nightfall. They had been waiting since noon.



► Capetown Service. Bishop Brooks preaches to large a crowd at community center of Capetown. Our C.O.G.I.C. Missionary Sandra Parker arranged the service.



▲ In Soweto Township. Bishop Brooks greets successful business woman Mrs. Maponya who owns about 18 different businesses including super markets, BMW dealerships, stud farm, restaurants, etc.



► Inside the church. Capacity crowd of clean cut young men and women make up this local assembly. The Church of God in Christ is the largest church in the Kalahari Desert.

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WOMEN'S CONVENTION

Hotel rooms are going quickly and the committee is working hard to assure all delegates of getting benefits that accompany conventions of this size. The rate is yet reasonable, but the fee for the Red Card has increased slightly. The registration fee is based on double occupancy, and includes five nights lodging and seven meals. There is a minimum deposit of \$100.00 per individual, and the housing application form must accompany the initial payment. The deadline for submitting the housing form is April 15, 1991, otherwise the Red Card must be picked up at the convention. Changes in rooms or roommates will not be honored after April 15, 1991. If refund is necessary, please review the refund policy that comes with the package.

All the preparations and advance worked by the committees will be finished in order to receive the saints, mostly women, who will gather in Richmond. The convention will feature the same high level of instruction from our Church's best and brightest teachers. Daily there will be instructional classes in auxiliary related areas that should make the local, district and jurisdictional work more fruitful. There will be seminars offering a variety of ministry topics that are too numerous to list. Of course, the mornings will start daily with prayer and bible teaching from

the spiritual duo, Bishop Ithiel Clemons and Mother Elsie Shaw. Daily the inspirational messages from consecrated speakers will lift the listener. The national inspiration team will be on hand to provide uplifting praise. When praises go up, blessings come down. Naturally, all will eagerly await the voice of "Mom", Mother Mattie McGlothen whose sainted guidance helped lead the convention into the success it has achieved. Bishop Louis H. Ford will likewise make the annual appearance as the presiding officer. In Cincinnati, he raised the roof with his powerful preaching.

A special honor will be bestowed upon Mother McGlothen, as a silver commemorative medallion will be circulated. Mother is lauded as the greatest supervisor in the long history of the Church Of God In Christ. Surely, she has followed some great women of the Lord. Being the fourth general supervisor of the women of our organization, Mother has worked diligently to maintain and advance the work of women in the Church. She has carved out her place with incessant and admirable labor. This convention will give her double honor for the great contributions she has made.

May is just around the corner. Get the Red Card and attend.

FOR PREACHERS ONLY

An urgent plea to the Church Of God In Christ to recognize Christ in His exalted place:

For sometimes I have felt an urging to write this letter. Like most people, I have successfully found reasons to avoid doing something that I know will not be smiled upon by all. Still, the persistent urging compels me to at last put pen to paper in the hope of redressing a great wrong.

The Catholic Church believes that the Pope is supernaturally endowed with infallibility, that he is a man incapable of error.

As members of the Church Of God In Christ, most of us scoff at the notion of papal infallibility. We say that we believe only one infallible man has ever or will ever walk the earth, his name is Jesus. Yet, we have possibly positioned our preachers so high that whether or not we ever utter the word infallible in conjunction with preachers, that is indeed what many lay members, and preachers alike have come to believe. Do you think a little critical reflection may help those who may need re-alignment?

The consequences of that central mistake may be grave and far reaching. Let's look at them, because such a circumstance could be detrimental.

First, we can bestow upon the preacher praise, honor and glory that should be reserved for God. If he accepts, the preacher and his benefactors share the guilt of defrauding God of what is rightfully His.

Second, we may cause the preacher to become puffed up. Rich in self-esteem, he faces the increased improbability a rich man has of getting to heaven. He loses the child-like quality that keeps him in communion with God and begins to see himself in an only slightly less than equal role with God. This may sound extreme but humility lost, is often hard to find.

Third, possibly could we create a lord over God's people, espousing a false doctrine that God works exclusively through the preacher, in effect, stifling the Holy Ghost? He believes that he is to be served and that he can do or say anything to God's people because he is special. That "specialness" exempts him from God's laws as well as lowly tasks such as fasting and prayer. Even in worship, he need no longer stand or kneel in prayer. He is content to sit in his seat as the saints go forth in prayer and praise. Basically the genuine spirituality that the preacher had initially needs reawakening. Spiritual renewal is something everyone should seek God for constantly.

The fourth, and perhaps saddest, the possible consequence is that we set the preacher in a position that minimizes his perceived ability to recover lost grace. How can he repent and do his first work over when others think he is infallible. How ironic that pride exempts the preacher from

the very message of hope that he has dedicated himself to proclaiming. Ill-gotten glory embezzled while preaching hope leads to despair. Tragically, as he continues to preach, others hear in his words what the preacher speaks from his lips but cannot hear in his own heart.

And fifth, when it becomes known that a preacher is overcome by fault, many of the faithful also fall along the wayside, victims of disillusionment. Unable to face the simple fact that a preacher is just like they are — once a sinner, now saved by grace. Having built up a faith based on a lie, they have nothing to cling to and fall prey to Satan's opportune whisperings, "See, I told you there's nothing to this." Furthermore, salvation is personal and each individual must see life through mature eyes. Unfortunate circumstances arise every now and then.

I hasten to note that I do not advocate weakness. Deep in my bones, I believe that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. I believe that we should strive for perfection daily. Further, I am confident that God is able to keep that which is committed unto Him. Notwithstanding, the heartbreaking revelations of recent days clearly show the grave danger to the individuals, as well as the organization, when faith become preacher-centered rather than Christ-centered. That danger reaches ear piercing, siren alert when preachers are elevated above their rightful place in the kingdom of God.

Before you conclude that I am anti-preacher, which is certainly an easy rationalization some will use to avoid facing up to a painful truth, let me tell you a little about myself. Growing up in the Church Of God In Christ, grandson, son, and brother of preachers, myself a preacher, I have always believed that the preaching of the Gospel is one of the highest and noblest privileges extended to any man. In fact, it is second only to the wonderful privilege extended to all to become a son or daughter of God through grace. Everyone can become heirs to God's promise, but only a few are called to preach the Word of God. Blessed are the feet of those that accept that calling, preaching with anointed power.

At the age of ten, though the preaching of my father, Elder Joseph E. Bass, Sr., of Monessen, Pennsylvania, I accepted Jesus into my life. Then, at the age of twenty-four, I proclaimed my calling into the wonderful ministry of Jesus Christ.

I have witnessed anointed preachers use the Word to paint pictures with startling depth, bold textures and pinpoint clarity. That preaching is beautiful, it makes the heart burn.

It is, however, in the beauty of preaching that the problem lies. It sounds, it looks and it feels so good that it is easy to become awe-struck by the preacher. Nonetheless, the glory does not

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BISHOP ASHWORTH

and continued these efforts until 1964.

In 1952, Bishop Mason appointed Bishop Ashworth overseer of the State of Alabama. Two years later he was consecrated to the office of bishop, the highest honor that can be attained in the Church Of God In Christ. From 1954 until his demise, he loyally served as state bishop and simultaneously maintained leadership of his congregation in Akron, Ohio.

As God's faithful servant, Bishop Ashworth orchestrated the growth of St. Ashworth's Temple COGIC from its humble beginning in a tiny wood frame building at 793 Rhodes Avenue to its present splendor at 1058 Wooster Avenue. At age 70, he oversaw ground breaking for the construction of what is now known as St. Ashworth's Temple. With the assistance of God and his congregation, the church has undergone three expansions. The most recent addition of a library, ladies' lounge and pastor's suite was dedicated in June 1990. Many individuals and ministers have excelled under Bishop Ashworth's tutelage. Of those he has mentored in Akron, six ministers have established their own congregations: Holy Trinity, True Vine, Garden of Prayer, Pentecostal Temple and Hope, and Unity Churches Of God In Christ.

Bishop Ashworth has received innumerable awards, accolades and acknowledgments. Among his most significant are an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree conferred by Trinity Hall College and Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky March 31, 1984. In that same year, Akron Mayor Tom Sawyer proclaimed the fourth Sunday each June as Chester A. Ashworth Day in the city of Akron, Ohio.

Like the pearls of wisdom which he dispensed, his memory also will be cherished in the hearts of his son, Chester Ashworth, Jr. (Elsie) of Akron, Ohio; his daughter, Dr. Doris A. Wilson (Dr. William) of Canton, Ohio; his foster son Samuel B. White (Zenobia) of Akron, Ohio; his brothers and sister Henry Jason Ashworth (Mamie) of Oakland, California; George Washington Ashworth, (Worthy) of Lufkin, Texas; Giles Condor Ashworth, also of Oakland and Florence Ashworth Pierce of Beaumont, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are requested to be made to The Chester Ashworth Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Ashworth Temple COGIC, 1086 Wooster Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44307 or The Bishop Chester A. Ashworth Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund, c/o Emanuel Temple Church Of God In Christ, 433 First Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35204.

belong to the preacher, he is merely a messenger. Yes, he does deserve the recognition that a good reader deserves when he clearly enunciates the text of a brilliant book, however the highest praise rightfully belongs to the author. Jesus is the Author and the Finisher of the message the anointed preacher delivers.

Preaching is powerful! Anointed preaching frees captives, breaks down stubborn wills, humbles proud hearts and restores broken lives. Drunken men have been immediately and totally sobered by the preached Word. Deteriorating bodies have been miraculously healed.

When Satan cannot stop good, he attempts in a subtle, insidious way to pervert it into evil. Through preaching the Church Of God In Christ has grown from a handful to millions. Let's not allow Satan to use the same instrument to destroy the work. I implore the Church Of God In Christ to turn from lifting up man back to lifting up Jesus.

Preachers humbly proclaim the Word of God with renewed determination and power, being careful at all time that every listener is acutely aware that the glory belongs to God and God alone.

When He is recognized in His rightful place, he will draw the vast numbers of converts that was once the hallmark of our Church.

I am totally committed to His preeminence,
Elder Edwin C. Bass
St. Louis, Missouri

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FOR INQUIRING MINDS THAT WANT TO KNOW

This title does not refer to a tabloid magazine you'd expect to find in the chock-out line of your local grocery. No, "Biblical Answers for the Inquiring Mind" is the latest book by noted author and teacher Dr. Charles E. Hawthorne. The pastor of Labor of Love Church Of God In Christ in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dr. Hawthorne also co-authored the book "Understanding Bible Doctrine as Taught in The Church Of God In Christ" with Bishop P.A. Brooks of the Northwestern Michigan Jurisdiction.

In this easy to read book that just the right size to finish in one sitting, Dr. Hawthorne delves into several questions that plague many African-American Christians today and answers pressing concerns that affect them and those who minister to them.

A sociology professor once gave Dr. Hawthorne a book that included articles on writing and "apologetic," which is a formal defense or justification of a belief. After reading the articles, Dr. Hawthorne decided to write his own apologetic from an African-American Christian standpoint and put those principles into print.

"As a black Christian student at the University of Michigan, my faith was constantly challenged," Dr. Hawthorne states in the book's preface. "I can remember the time when a conversation with a fellow classmate in a freshmen English course led to an entire class

discussion on Christianity. I didn't have all the necessary answers then, but I've learned a lot since that freshman year in college."

Dr. Hawthorne takes the knowledge he gained as a youth counselor, campus minister, instructor and pastor, and with the delicacy of a surgeon, cuts to the heart of matters dealing with the Bible, Jesus, Christianity, and the African-American Church.

The reader-friendly format of the book makes the material and information provided in each chapter manageable to swallow and digest. The dialogue of the book is simple question and answer. The answers, all of which are written in easy to read outline form, include in-depth revelations supported by scriptures, charts and book references.

Here's an example —

QUESTION: "Didn't white men write the Bible?"

ANSWER: (NOTE: The following answer is merely part one of a four-part answer.)

"No. Assuming that 'white' refers to the color of skin and people of European descent, the authors of the Bible cannot be typically characterized as such."

Other tough queries at which Dr. Hawthorne wields the sword of the Spirit include "Isn't Christianity a tool of the white man to oppress black people?"; "Was Jesus the black Messiah?"; and "Hasn't the Church put too much emphasis on the afterlife?"

Take a breeze through Dr. Hawthorne's "Biblical Answers for the Inquiring Mind." God's got a blessed word for inquiring minds that want to know! Coming to the COGIC Bookstore soon.

BIOGRAPHY — Charles E. Hawthorne was born in Topeka, Kansas, and raised in the cities of Springfield, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan.

In 1973, Hawthorne began attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. By the end of his freshman year, he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Later, he accepted the call into the ministry, and in 1976, was licensed by his pastor, Elder James E. Slappy, Jr. of Calvary COGIC in Detroit.

He received both his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology ('77) and his Master of Arts in Education — Guidance and Counseling — ('78) from the University of Michigan.

Establishing permanent residence in Ann Arbor, he married the former Donna Covington in 1978 and, that same year, was ordained to the ministry by Bishop John S. Bailey.

From September 1978 to December 1984, he served as the Minority Campus Minister for United Ministries in Higher Education at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Since that time, he has been serving full-time as the pastor of Labor of Love COGIC.

In 1989, he graduated with a Ph.D. in Counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana. Later, he became an instructor at Temperance Bible College in Grand Rapids, where he weekly commutes.

In addition to his pastoral duties, he has written several books including: "A Balanced Perspective on the Spirit of Truth"; "Doing Ministry"; and "How Should We Then Be Baptized?"

Feature story and biography
by Dana O. Fair (Esq.)
for Labor of Love COGIC

UNAC-5 NATIONAL BIBLE BOWL COMPETITION

National Bible Bowl Competition • Indianapolis, Indiana
July 1-6, 1991

Introduction...

The United National Auxiliary's Convention of the Church Of God In Christ announces the National Bible Bowl Competition. This competition is held annually in the UNAC-5 and is designed for the winning team of each Jurisdictional Bible Bowl Competition to compete on a National level for the UNAC-5 Gold Cup Award.

This year the Bible Bowl will cover Church Doctrine (information may be obtained from Understanding Church Doctrine Book and the December 1990-February 1991 YPWW Quarterly, Church History (information obtained from the December 1986-February 1987 YPWW Quarterly), and the Books of I & II Corinthians.

Also, during the UNAC-5 Convention the following ministries will be available:

- National Spelling Bee Competition
- Oratorical Competition
- Math/Computer Competition
- Drama Workshop
- UNAC-5 Young Ladies Workshop
- UNAC-5 Gentlemen's Workshop
- Miss UNAC Pageant
- Youth Talent Hour,

and a new addition Preacher's Children Workshop. The topics for the Oratorical Competition are as follows:

- 1) What are your feelings regarding the problems which are occurring among young women as a result of date rape?
- 2) There is a dilemma facing black males regarding their church attendance. What do you think the church can do to meet the needs of the black male to bring him back into the church?
- 3) What methods should be used in the "Nineties" in light of high tech and automation to present salvation to our youth?

For further information on each specific ministry you may contact the following persons:

Bible Bowl
Mrs. Helen Givens
28112 Rosewood
Inkster, MI 48141
(313) 277-0402

Oratorical
Mrs. Vanessa Gatlin
229 Diamond Drive
Lafayette, LA 70501
(318) 237-5327

Spelling Bee*
Ms. Sandra Smith
14812 Lexington
Harvey, IL 60426
(708) 339-7472

Math/Computer
Elder Samuel Dyson
3134 San Angelo Way
Union City, CA 94587
(415) 487-4829

*A list of the Spelling Words will be supplied upon request.

Drama Workshop
Mrs. Brenda Rivete
8501 E. 56th Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64129
(716) 356-4235

UNAC-5 Young Women's Workshop
Mrs. Dorothy Lee
352 E. Eldridge Ave.
Flint, MI 48505
(313) 785-2480

UNAC-5 Gentlemen's Workshop
Elder Michael Eaddy
11816 S. Vincennes
Chicago, IL 60643
(312) 233-7698

Preachers Children
Mrs. Lanelle King
77 Orange Road, #45
Montclair, NJ 07042
(201) 509-7598

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SUNSHINE BANDS

Southwest Michigan Jurisdiction #1 presented its Fourth Annual Toddler Contest on November 3, 1990, at the New Testament COGIC, Superintendent Nick Edwards was host pastor.

The toddler who accumulated the most financially was the winner of the contest. Master Maurice Hollins was this year's winner and received a fifty dollar savings bond. The winner and his family are members of the Gaudy Memorial COGIC, Elder John Gaudy is the pastor. Last year's winner was Jamie Jenkins, daughter of Minister and Mrs. Kenny Jenkins who are members of the Lockett Memorial COGIC, Elder Willie Joshua is pastor.

Please pray for the Sunshine Bands everywhere. Our primary concern is reaching and saving our children by introducing them to Christ and what it means to be Christ-like as a Child.

Sunshine Band President, Helen Reese
State Prelate, Bishop Willie L. Harris



PICTURED L to R: State Sunshine Band President Helen Reese, Toddlers Linda Matthews, Jamie Jenkins, Tashara Lott, Terrie Lyn Ramsey, Front Row Britany Jones, the Contest Winner Maurice Hollins.